

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Steven M. Johnson Confirmation No. 4209
Serial No.: 10/752,647 Examiner: Weaver Sue A.
Filed: August 1, 2004 Art Unit: 3727
For: Container Having a Base With a Convex Dome....

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Barnes & Thornburg Customer No: 23643 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

This is in response to the August 14, 2006 non-final office action.

The office action at pages 2-3 objects to the lack of cross-hatching in the sectional views of the drawing. The sectional views are shown in Figs. 7, 8, 9 and 10 and these Figs. have been amended to show appropriate cross-hatching. Amended drawings with cross-hatching as required at page 2 of the office action are filed under separate cover letter with this response. Annotated Sheets are provided with this response as required at page 3 of the office action. The annotated sheets merely have the hand written phrase "cross-hatching added" with an arrow to show the new cross-hatching. No other changes have been made.

Claims 1-7 are rejected over Slat (U.S. Patent No. 6,983,858) taken alone or with other prior art. The effective date of Slat is January 30, 2003. Applicant's 37 CFR 1.131 declaration swearing back of the effective date of this reference accompanies this response.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 1-7) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (5723-79575).

Respectfully submitted,

BARNES & THORNBURG LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Lazarus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Lazarus" clearly distinguishable.

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